



REGULAR MEETING OF GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held August 12, 2002.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Council members Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Thomas X. White, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Millie G. Priest, Bruce Bowman, and Mary L. Schubert; former residents Richard B. Bridge and Ellen Edwards Linson; former GHI Manager Royal D. Brashears; and Heather Villalba, Miss Greenbelt 1996. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. White asked to remove the minutes of the work session of July 24, 2002, from the consent agenda. It was then moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. White that the amended consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following action:

MINUTES

- Regular Meeting, July 8, 2002
- Work Session, July 10, 2002
- Interview Meeting, July 15, 2002
- Work Session, July 15, 2002
- Interview, July 17, 2002
- Work Session, July 17, 2002

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee: 5/21/02 Memo (Expanding Recycling Awards, Litter Pick-Up Day, Lake Park Clean-Up). Council received this report and agreed to consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. McLaughlin requested that Council add the following to the agenda: MML Legislative Committee Items as #24 and Financial Support for a Drama Teacher Position at Eleanor Roosevelt High School as #25. Mr. Putens then moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Turnbull seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Oath of Office: Lt. Dan O'Neil introduced Greenbelt's newest police officer, Christopher Bladzinski, to Council, and Mayor Davis administered the oath of office.

American Legion Post #36: Mayor Davis and National Commander Richard J. Santos presented a check for \$10,119 to Margo Dueham of the USO, representing the proceeds of the dance co-sponsored by the City and the Legion at the Marriott in June as a fundraiser for the USO. A number of other representatives of the Legion were present, including Post Commander Thomas Dean, Sam Hofberg, John Osterfield, Carl Dentinger, Jackie Shabe-Rochefort, Kathie Linkenhoker, and Silke Pope. National Commander Santos praised the work of the City and the Legion on behalf of the USO.

Mayor Davis read the proclamation in recognition of the Blue Star Flag, which was presented to the City by Mr. Santos, who explained that the flag was to acknowledge military service in either homeland or overseas defense, and either active service or reserve. He added that the Legion has 8 " x 16" Blue Star Banners available for use in front windows of homes by service families, who may call 301-345-0136 to have a banner delivered to them.

Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Santos for coming and congratulated him on being named National Commander. He responded that it was a compliment to Greenbelt and to the local Post.

Lastly, Kathie Linkenhoker described the Legion's "A Day of Remembrance" to be held at Buddy Attick Park beginning at 7 p.m. on September 11. She noted that the City will also launch its Peace Month activities that month.

Letter of Appreciation from Town of La Plata: On July 28, Mayor Davis and William Smith, Public Works attended a day of appreciation held by the Town of La Plata, Maryland, to thank the local governments that provided assistance following the tornado of April 28. Mr. Smith accepted the La Plata's letter of appreciation from Mayor Davis on behalf of the Public Works Department.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: A letter had been received from Sheldon Goldberg, chairperson of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), asking the City to remove the basketball hoops at the Windsor Green Ballfield because of incidents in the neighborhood adjacent to the courts. Asked by Mayor Davis if he wished to address the request, Mr. Goldberg said there had been fights, robberies, and littering in the areas adjacent to the ballfield. The residents are not happy to make this request, he said, but they have concluded it is necessary. Mr. Putens commented that one problem is that this site used to be more visible from the roadway. Council directed that the request be referred to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the staff of the Recreation Department for review. Mr. Putens requested that he be notified of the date of the

PRAB meeting at which the issue will be considered so that he can alert the relevant homeowner associations.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Work Session, July 24, 2002: Mr. White asked for a correction on the statement that he had suggested that staff should solicit a proposal from Mr. Sanchez for the operation of the theater; rather, he had suggested that staff talk with Mr. Sanchez to elicit his views on what should eventually go into a contract or agreement between him and the City. Approval of this change was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Putens, and passed 5-0. Mr. Putens then moved acceptance of the amended minutes. Mr. White seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session of July 24, 2002: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, July 24, 2002, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 9:57 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center, subsequent to a work session. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter regarding the status of the acquisition of the property to serve as the new postal facility. Mr. White seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

Executive Session of July 29, 2002: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, July 29, 2002, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 8:07 in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(8) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to consult with staff and other individuals about pending litigation regarding the acquisition of the property for the new postal facility. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Davis reported on a number of items, including: the yield at the City's recent electronic recycling days; a COG board retreat; the second meeting with the mayors of College Park and Bowie regarding planning and zoning authority; the dedication of a tree at the Lake to the former Greenbelt Concert Band director, John DelHomme; a visit to the bee laboratory at BARC with Congressman Hoyer; and National Night Out, which was celebrated in Greenbelt East. Mr. White also commented on the recent NASA public information meeting, which several Council members attended.

LEGISLATION

Legislation to Amend the City Code Enforcement Program. Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Jim Sterling, Supervisory Inspector, was available for questions.

A. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Modify and Update Certain Provisions of the Code Related to Stopping, Standing, and Parking Violations: Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mr. White seconded.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1228, Book 11).

B. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11.5, "Noise Control," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Adopting Standards for Considering Noise, Both Generally and for Lawn Equipment: Mr. Turnbull introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mr. White seconded.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1229, Book 11).

C. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Establishing Penalties for Violation of Article VII, "Trees": Mr. Roberts introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mr. White seconded.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1230, Book 11).

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Approving the Designation of a Community Legacy Area and Application and Receipt of Financing for Community Legacy Projects in Greenbelt, Maryland, to Be Financed Either Directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (The "Department") of the State of Maryland or Through Other Departments or Agencies of the State of Maryland: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. White introduced the resolution for first reading and moved that Council's Standing Rules be suspended to allow for second reading and adoption at tonight's meeting. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

Mr. White introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Putens seconded. Mr. White said the staff report was excellent and the proposed projects were

appropriate. Mr. Turnbull also praised the balance of projects but commented that he would have liked to have seen "at least a draft of the draft" proposal. He asked if the amount requested was an appropriate figure in the context of the funding history of the program. Mr. McLaughlin replied that the range of awards in Prince George's County had been \$50,000 - \$400,000 last year and that he thought a request of \$150,000 from the City this year was appropriate. Mr. Turnbull also asked why the proposal sought to designate the entire City as legacy area, and Kristen Ward, Planning Department, responded that the goal was to avoid having to define and justify different areas each year.

Regarding the project in which the City would provide partial support for adding bathrooms to the first floor of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) houses as part of the Assistance-in-Living Program, Mr. Turnbull asked if this fund could be established as a revolving fund, with awards to be repaid at the time houses were sold. Ms. Ward said she would propose this idea to GHI. Mayor Davis asked about the project to upgrade apartments in the City; Ms. Ward responded that in this year's proposal the funding would be limited to apartments within the boundaries of Original Greenbelt. Mr. White commented that, aside from the Greenbelt Theatre project, these were demonstration or pilot types of projects that, if successful, could have long-term applicability for the City, home owners, and business owners.

Mr. McLaughlin also noted that Berwyn Heights is applying to do an economic development study under this program that would include the north side of Greenbelt Road, most notably Beltway Plaza. As their proposal firms up, they may seek some support from Greenbelt for their plans.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes
Mr. Turnbull - yes
Mr. White - yes
Mayor Davis - yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 952, Book 8).

An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2003: The Mayor read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that a public hearing be held on the budget for Capital Projects prior to the consideration of adoption of the ordinance at the September 9 regular meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Mr. Putens then introduced the ordinance for first reading.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Since the vendor list had been revised since the resolution was introduced for first reading at the July meeting, Mr. White introduced the resolution for first reading.

APPROVAL OF RFP TO CONDUCT ASSESSMENT OF ASSISTANCE-IN-LIVING NEEDS: The Mayor read the agenda comments. David Moran acknowledged the work of Ann MacKenzie, Community Resource Advocate, and the Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) in the development of the Request for Proposals. Mr. White questioned the 2000 Census figure of only 2,000 individuals in the City aged 65 and older. Leonie Penney, chair of FORA, suggested that while it is likely that the proportion of older citizens in Original Greenbelt is higher, it is probably considerably lower in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. Mr. Turnbull suggested that requiring advance knowledge of the City as a criterion for evaluation might make the RFP appear to be wired to locals; he thought prior experience with NORCs or aging populations would be more relevant. Mayor Davis disagreed, saying she thought it was important that knowledge of the community be demonstrated in the proposal. Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the RFP document and its distribution. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD - REQUEST TO AMEND LEASE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Jay Remenick, president of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad (GFD&RS) presented the request that had been sent to Council by letter to expand the department's bingo programming by adding two daytime bingos. He said the bingos they have been running at the department and other locations have been lucrative, adding about \$20,000 per bingo annually to their revenues. In response to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Remenick clarified that St. Hugh's Church no longer offers bingo, nor is the department in competition with anyone else in the City who is doing this. In response to a question from Mr. Roberts, it was further clarified that the daytime bingos are run directly by department personnel, unlike the casino nights run some time ago in the evening, which were contracted with an outside vendor. Mr. Remenick added that the existing daytime Sunday bingo is attended primarily by Greenbelt residents. Mayor Davis said she thought there might be different crowds attending daytime and evening events. In response to Mr. White's question about what days besides Sunday they would use, Mr. Remenick said they had not yet gotten beyond determining they were leaning toward daytime bingos. Mr. Putens moved that the City amend the department's current lease to allow two additional daytime bingos to be sponsored per week. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

REDEPLOYMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS FROM BRANCHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Mayor read the agenda comments and announced there would be a rally at the Branchville Fire Department on August 17 at 1 p.m. Mr. White asked Mr. Remenick what the position of the Greenbelt Fire Department is on the staff cuts at Branchville. Mr. Remenick responded that the department had no problem supporting Branchville's protest of the decision, since although the GVFD&RS is grateful not to have lost staff, the bigger issue remains the need for everyone to stand together to stem the loss of county services. There was further discussion of the impact of the reduction in staff on surrounding communities. Council members White and Putens said they would attend the rally, and Mayor Davis suggested they volunteer to speak at the event.

After some discussion it was agreed another letter should be sent to the County Executive, with copies to County Chief Blackwell and to the candidates running for the office of County Executive. Mr. Roberts said the letter should emphasize addressing needs countywide, not setting one community against another. Mayor Davis suggested

that it also emphasize the City's previous request to be involved in the process. Mr. Putens moved sending a letter as discussed; Mr. White seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

NEW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION - NEW DEAL CAFÉ: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ray Stevens, president, and Terri Rutledge, general manager of the New Deal Café, were in attendance. They both emphasized that it is the considered opinion of the board of the Café that offering beer and wine is "the difference between making it or not" financially. Mr. Putens noted the size of the audience in attendance; in response to his request, at least 40 people raised their hands to indicate they were present to support the Café's application. Mayor Davis asked if anyone wished to speak against the request. Doug Love, 3D Plateau Place, said he considered himself to be a strong supporter of the Café but he opposed serving alcohol at the New Deal on the same grounds he had opposed turning the theater into a theater-café: namely, that it would substantially change the environment of the place and the nature of the operation. In response to a question from Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Manzi said there was no potential problem that could be posed by any request to transfer a license, should the county grant one to the New Deal. Mr. Roberts said he believed the theater had survived because it had not been permitted to turn into a business that served alcohol. He said he was a strong supporter of the New Deal and that, although he would work with them in any other way, he would never support a request for approval of a liquor license. He said he believes a good number of the performers and their fans are under age, that there are often many young people and children at the Café, and that the non-alcohol environment is essential to making the Café what it is.

Mr. White said he respected Mr. Roberts' point of view but was more persuaded by the very positive example of the Beijing Restaurant, to which he does not hesitate to take his family and grandchildren to dinner. He added that it would be necessary to spell out and enforce clear rules on keeping alcoholic beverages inside the Café and not let them travel out into Roosevelt Center. He added that he did not think there would be any conflict of interest if Council members who are members of the Café were to vote to take no position on the license.

Mayor Davis asked if they intended to serve alcohol whenever they were open or only during the dinner and evening hours, adding that limiting the hours was important to her support. She stressed that Beijing is a sit-down restaurant at all hours, whereas the Café becomes something other than that in the evening with the coffee house entertainment. She said it would be much easier for the Café to step over the line into becoming a bar or night club than for a restaurant like Beijing to do so. She also stressed the need for effective monitoring at the door, as well as checking for proof of age. Mr. Stevens said there was no intention of letting alcohol go past the door. He added that, although if they were granted a license, it would probably be legal for them to serve alcohol in the portal area outside the door, they would not do so.

Ms. Rutledge acknowledged there were a number of specific issues the board had not had the opportunity to address yet, but they fully intended to do so. She stressed that for the Café, the big issue is that the customer base is simply not large enough to propel them out of the financial hole they are stuck in. The board believes extending the menu to include beer and wine is the next step that needs to be taken.

Mr. Putens said he thought the Café was capable of monitoring the serving of alcohol, but he expressed some concern with the lack of existing managerial experience on the part of the staff with alcohol control matters. He agreed with Mr. White that Beijing is a positive force in the Center, but he also concurred with Mayor Davis that there are essential differences between the Café and a restaurant like Beijing.

Mr. Turnbull challenged the level at which Council was questioning the New Deal's capabilities, saying Council would not question a Marriott or a T.G.I. Friday's at this level. Mayor Davis disagreed, saying they had sometimes requested police reports with established restaurants. She added that it must be recognized that, as a small cooperative, the Café does not have the same level of corporate experience that chains or franchises can bring to bear on the implementation of a new license. Ms. Rutledge asked Council to keep in mind that the Café is working with other more experienced restaurant owners as consultants. Mr. Turnbull suggested that Council defer voting until the next meeting, which would also allow time for members of Council who are also members of the Café cooperative to send the letters addressing the issue of possible appearance of conflict of interest. Mr. Manzi will prepare a draft letter for Council's use.

Several people spoke in favor of the New Deal's application (Bill Phelan, 57K Ridge; Izolde Trakhtenberg, 3H Plateau; Konrad Herling, 11B Ridge). After additional discussion, Mr. Putens moved to defer a decision on whether the City would take a position on the application until the September 9 meeting, by which time the board of the Café would have had time to consider some of the questions raised. Mr. Turnbull seconded the motion, which passed 4-1 (Roberts).

BRADFORD PEAR TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY: The Mayor read the agenda comments. Charles Jackman and Jennifer Sager, co-chairpersons of the Advisory Committee on Trees, and Bill Phelan, staff liaison to the committee, were present. Mr. Putens noted that this policy would have impacted only one of the trees in the recent tree-felling by the Exxon station at Hanover and Greenbelt. Mr. McLaughlin said that was true, but the Exxon situation would also have been affected by the ordinance passed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Phelan clarified that the proposed policy was only for management of Bradford Pears on City property and right-of-way. He added that Takoma Park's tree ordinance requires City authorization to remove any living tree in the city, on either public or private property. Mayor Davis asked ACT to review that part of the Takoma Park ordinance for Council.

Ms. Ward told Council that the Planning Department staff was working with the Exxon station owner to meet the conditions of the landscaping site plan that had been violated. She said he was being cooperative and will bring the City a new plan that will restore the quantity of vegetation that was on the plan the City originally approved, some of which had apparently been removed by the prior owner. Mr. Putens asked Ms. Ward to follow up with additional information on the owner's deadline for submitting the plan. Mayor Davis said she had also mentioned this to staff at Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning and asked Ms. Ward if Planning staff could follow up with them too.

Mr. Jackman also asked for clarification on a previous Council referral on reforestation. Mr. McLaughlin said he would provide further information to the committee on that issue. Noting that the Bradford Pear tree management policy was to be shared with Capital Office Park, Mayor Davis also asked Mr. Phelan to work with whoever does their

horticulture work on the questions that had been raised at a recent work session regarding City replanting of trees. Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the plan proposed by the Advisory Committee on Trees as policy on the management of the City's Bradford Pear trees. Mr. White seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER (GSFC) FACILITIES MASTER PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Kristen Ward, Planning Department, and Frederick Heider, consultant to GSFC, were present. Mr. White asked which of the two eastern routes staff recommended. Ms. Ward said staff had no recommendation between the two and that, in general, there were more environmental impacts from the eastern routes than from the western route that had previously been under consideration. Mayor Davis commented that, in this instance, Greenbelt should also be sensitive to the preferences of the surrounding communities

Ms. Ward presented the recommendations in the staff report. Mr. White suggested that recommendation #3 say "The plan should clarify which areas . . . " in order to state what Council would like to see, and he asked that #4 be rephrased to reflect the role GSFC would play.

Mr. Roberts said he was strongly opposed to both eastern routes. He said he would like to impose three conditions: that GSFC reforest an area at least the size of whatever forest is being removed for the new road; that the issue of City annexation of the 80 acres of buffer on the west end of the campus bordering the City continue to be considered; and that the new road be closed evenings and weekends like Research Road. Mayor Davis said she would prefer that the question of the buffer property be kept separate from the recommendations on the site itself. She eventually determined that there was Council support for Mr. Roberts' first two proposals but not for the recommendation to close the road.

Sheldon Goldberg, 7848 Jacobs Drive, commented that Greenbelt East remains strongly opposed to the western route, as do the neighborhoods to the east of GSFC. Mr. Heider said the eastern routes would disturb about nine acres of forest, compared with four acres for the western route; however, the western route disturbs slightly more wetlands than the eastern routes. He said they consider it be a "toss-up" environmentally.

Mr. Turnbull said he had hoped GSFC would take this opportunity to formalize the currently unsanctioned pedestrian and bicycle access to the campus from west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Mr. Heider said he would take this suggestion back for consideration. Council agreed to add this recommendation as #8.

Mayor Davis said an additional concern of hers was the private partnering and outreach zone to be added to the campus, since this may eventually take business from City commercial space. She added that she was surprised that the county had not registered concern as well. Mr. Putens suggested that a separate letter about this might be more appropriate than including it in the staff report. It was agreed that a separate letter would be developed and sent to various county officials.

Mr. White said he had objected to the western realignment from the first briefing meeting on this subject, since the added traffic would be damaging to Greenbelt; however, he had also maintained that more effort should be put into such alternatives

as raising or lowering the existing road to achieve the objectives of not dividing the campus. For this reason, he proposed that, as a null proposition, a recommendation be made to re-engineer the existing road. Mayor Davis said she thought GSFC's planning process had moved too far down the road at this point for her to consider supporting such a proposition now. Mr. Putens agreed. Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Roberts agreed with Mr. White's proposal and said this should be the first condition presented.

Mr. Turnbull said he thought a specific time frame should be included for the parking reduction plan. Council agreed to include this.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Putens that Council approve the sending of the amended staff report, with the conditions included in it, to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and to the Maryland Department of Planning, with copies to county officials and to Congressman Hoyer. The motion passed 5-0.

BRIEFINGS ON SEATBELT USE PROGRAM AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM: The Mayor read the agenda comments. MPO Scott Kaiser presented his report on the City's Pedestrian Safety Program, which was conducted in June and focused primarily on enforcement against drivers at pedestrian crosswalks. Because of the lateness of the hour, the Mayor said Council would read the written materials for on the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge (seatbelt compliance) program and thanked MPO Kaiser for his report.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL MUNICIPAL POLICY: The Mayor read the agenda comments. In 2001, the City proposed modifications to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), and Mr. Moran said he would check to be sure that topic is still being dealt with in committee. There was consensus that no additional issues should be submitted this year and that members of Council attending the NLC convention should continue to work the EAJA issue through the NLC process.

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY GROUPS - APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION: Mr. Roberts moved that Council accept James O'Reilly's letter of resignation from the Employee Relations Board with regret and direct staff to prepare a letter of appreciation for the Mayor's signature. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Putens moved Council appointment of Hugh Jascourt as chairperson of the Employee Relations Board. Mr. Turnbull seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

The following appointments were moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Turnbull:

Sieglinde Peterson to the Employee Relations Board

Christopher Husker to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Rachel Quinton to the Youth Advisory Committee

Elisa Craft to the Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee.

The motion passed 5-0.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: In view of the hour, Mr. McLaughlin said this information would be conveyed to Council in next week's packet.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A DRAMA TEACHER POSITION AT ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Roberts questioned the lack of support from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Mr. McLaughlin said there was reluctance on the part of both City staff and ACE to support the request because this is not the only position that has been eliminated at the high school and because these are not one-time expenses. Mayor Davis said she had been under the impression that this request was to come to Council in the form of a more specific proposal. It was agreed that Mr. McLaughlin would check on the request toward the end of the month and bring it back as appropriate.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings. Mr. White questioned the need for an executive session, rather than a work session, on the Greenbelt Theatre. Mr. Manzi said there were financial issues to be discussed related to the operator's business income. Mr. White said he did not see how Council could discuss financial issues in the absence of a management plan for the facility. It was agreed to reschedule the executive session for September 4. It was suggested that September 12 be proposed for the next Four Cities meeting. Mr. White asked staff to develop a plan for the frequency of stakeholder meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. White. The motion carried 5-0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of August 12, 2002, at 12:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held August 12, 2002."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor